

SENATE BILL 228

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and
Title 71, relative to Medicaid postpartum coverage.

WHEREAS, new mothers are an important group of Tennesseans and can face a variety
of unexpected medical costs in the first year after the date their pregnancies end; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 approved state budget included funding to extend TennCare
postpartum coverage from sixty days to twelve months; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan provided an option allowing state Medicaid plans
to offer twelve months of postpartum coverage; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2022, TennCare officially expanded its postpartum coverage
from sixty days to twelve months; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for such a vital change to be enshrined in law; now, therefore,
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-106, is amended by adding the
following new subsection:

(s) In addition to other categories of eligibility under this section, a woman is
eligible for medical assistance up to twelve (12) months following the date the woman's
pregnancy ends, regardless of changes in circumstances, if the woman, while pregnant,
meets eligibility requirements for assistance under § 1902 of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. § 1396a), and is enrolled in the TennCare program or a successor program.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.